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SUBJECT: CHEN HSI-LIEN SPEECH

1. NCNA ON ITS ENGLISH-LANGUAGE FILE REPORTS ONLY ONE PARAGRAPH OV VICE PREMIER CHEN HSI-LIEN'S SPEECH OPENING THE PLA SPORTS MEET IN PEKING MAY 11, WITH THE EFFECT OF LIKETING HIM TO PLA AFFAIRS AND OMITTING SEVERAL REMARKS ON THE WORLD SITUATION. THE LATTER REMARKS, REPORTED IN PEKING DOMESTIC RADIO'S ACCOUNT OF THE SPEECH, INCLUDE REFERENCE TO RISING REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE, THE "EXCEPTIONALLY RAPID AND FORECFUL" DEVELOPMENTS IN INDOCHINA, THE INCREASING FACTORS FOR "BOTH REVOLUTION AND WAR," AND DETERMINATION TO LIBERATE TAIWAN. NONE OF HIS REMARKS ARE NEW OR EXCEPTIONAL, BUT NCNA MAY HAVE EDITED THEM OUT LEST CHEN'S IDENTITY AS A MILITARY FIGURE MAKE HIS COMMONPLACE WORDS SEEM MORE MILITANT THAN THEY ARE. IN ANY EVENT, NCNA CHOSE NOT TO FEATURE WORLD AFFAIRS ON THE OCCASION.

2. SPEAKING OF THE PLA, CHEN CALLED FOR BUILDING THE ARMY
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"INTO A REVOLUTIONARY AND MODERN POWERFUL ARMY," A FORMULATION

THAT BORROWS FROM PREMIER CHOU'S JANUARY CONGRESS CALL FOR BUILDING A "MODERN POWERFUL SOCIALIST" CHINA, AND WHICH ALSO ECHOES THE JANUARY 1 EDITORIAL CALL FOR INCLUDING THE MILITARY IN THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENTAL DRIVE. CHEN ALSO STRESSES MILITARY TRAINING AND DULY ENDORSES THE CURRENT POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ON PROLETARIAN DICTATORSHIP, MAKING HIM, WE THINK, THE TOP MILITARY FIGURE PUBLICLY TO DO SO.
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